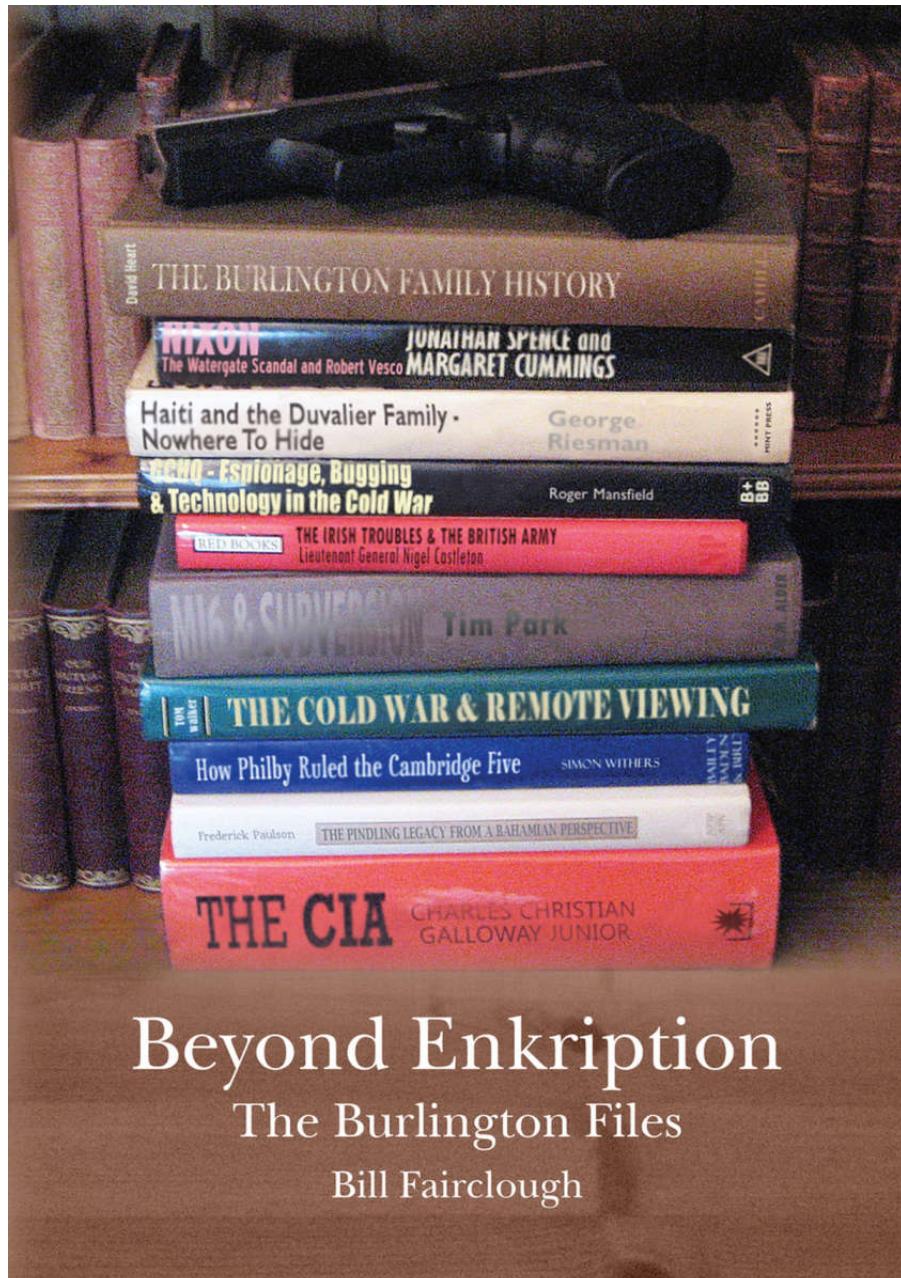


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A copy of Beyond Enkription's final high-resolution front cover

Beyond Enkription is the first stand-alone book in a series of six autobiographical espionage novels. The Burlington Files mainly based on Bill Fairclough's experiences and exploits. Part of the core plot

Enkription is centred around the misspelling of “encryption”.

Return to [The Home Page](#) Enkription was self-published as an eBook and paperback in 2014. The official date of publication was the fortieth anniversary of the opening chapter in Beyond Enkription and was “coincidentally” or on the same day as Bill Fairclough’s father’s birthday. In August 2015 a hardback version was published by Entangled Publishing. It is less expensive than self-publishing a hardback version on Amazon. The eBook, paperback and hardback versions of the book are mostly available worldwide on Amazon. The paperback and hardback versions are available in posh bookshops around the world.

Read The [Book](#) Bill Fairclough was acknowledged as the author of Beyond Enkription for legal reasons and did it for the first novel. The copyright for The Burlington Files was originally owned by The Burlington Files Ltd.

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Beyond Enkription was “written for film”: i.e. it was not published to make profits as a book per se but solely with screen adaptation in mind. As an autobiographical journal it reads like a sophisticated Diary of Anne Frank. It reads like a novel and is not a film script but can be readily adapted into a film. Beyond Enkription was originally referred to as a “Novelog” on The Burlington Files website. Early reviews of the book are available via The Burlington Files website and on Amazon websites et al.

The book is not like a normal Le Carré concoction adorned with flowery diction and it’s not about a flowerpot who saves the world at the end of each book in the series. It’s about down to earth real-life espionage. Indeed, several critics have described Edward Burlington in Beyond Enkription as a patsy. Michael Caine was the protagonist in the espionage films starring Michael Caine which were based on the novels Funeral in Berlin and The Ipcress File written by Len Deighton.

Beyond Enkription has not been marketed like a traditional spy novel would be having been “off the shelf”. Accordingly, the book has to date not hit the charts other than in obtuse ways in China and in countries such as the Ukraine and Bulgaria. It is estimated that in aggregate over 60,000 copies were sold in illegitimate eBook libraries within a year or so of its publication on Kindle.

In 2020 David Alexander Cardamone ^[11], an aficionado of all things to do with espionage, created Enkription Book Trailer as a gift for Bill Fairclough after having been beguiled by reading Beyond Enkription. The book trailer video is accessible via <https://bit.ly/TBFL-Video>. The video is extraordinary given that Cardamone was born deaf.

History of Beyond Enkription

Bill Fairclough started writing Beyond Enkription in 1975 while in an isolation ward in a UK hospital, what was eventually diagnosed as cytomegalovirus. However, it was only in 2009 that work on the book really got underway. According to Bill Fairclough, the rationale for putting pen to paper was to create a TV series to show the world just how much it had been duped by those illustrious civil servants, Ian Fleming and John le Carré. Hence, the comparison of Edward Burlington with Harry Palmer is not only remarkable but somewhat coincidental.

In July 2009 Bill Fairclough was approached again to try to make some films loosely based on his life. At the time he was still heavily involved with Faire Sans Dire and acting as a director for various production companies. Through intermediaries he contacted two well-known film production companies to enquire about making films comprising a pot-pourri of unusual concepts and experiences based on his somewhat unconventional and maverick dual existence.

Despite all their initial enthusiasm, the negotiations with those companies’ executives came to nothing. The production companies advised Bill that he must first present his material in book and/or film script form. Bill’s approach to one US corporation eventually landed on stony ground when MGM, which produced James Bond films, filed for bankruptcy. MGM has since recovered. The other household name film production company he approached was based in the UK but had a full production agenda for many years ahead and still declined his offer.

Accordingly, The Burlington Files series was born and Beyond Enkription written and published. In the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, you could even go on an up-market tour based on just a few months of Bill’s life in London in 1974 as depicted in Beyond Enkription and explained in the news about Beyond Enkription.

Burlington Files website.

Return to Who's Who Page, details of the real life identities of the main characters in Beyond Enkription have an article entitled The Burlington Files Characters^[18]. In real life most of those identified worked for the Joint Intelligence Committee or the CIA in the seventies. Also, in real life the fictional accountancy firm Porter W. Coopers & Lybrand.

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Synopsis of Beyond Enkription

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Beyond Enkription is a stand-alone novel set in 1974 in the heart of the disco fevered seventies, the Social Links and the escalating Irish Troubles in the purportedly united British Isles. It is about a wayward accountancy firm Burlington aka Bill Fairclough who unwittingly ends up working as an agent for MI6 by night while during the day.

His parents, Roger and Sara Burlington have been involved in espionage since 1939. While Roger was a member of the Joint Intelligence Committee, Sara's address book appears to be more like a Who's Who of intelligence services than a housewife's little black book. Both Roger and Sara desperately want their son, Edward, to follow in their footsteps but things didn't go to plan, given Edward's rebellious nature.

Consequently, Edward unintentionally wrecked their plans for him and unwittingly ends up working for MI6. Early in 1974 he is nearly killed not once, but four times. Indirectly it is all MI6's fault... so far as concerned. Sara decides someone high up in MI6 must pay and persuades Roger to exact revenge. Edward is underhandedly despatched to supposed safety from London to Nassau, Bahamas to continue his accountancy career only to face more death-defying scenarios in the Bahamas, Brazil and Haiti before he returns home.

However, the CIA has a representative on the Joint Intelligence Committee and is therefore already aware of Edward's exploits and capabilities. They turn him into their asset within 48 hours of his landing in Nassau.

Meanwhile Edward's family are sucked inexorably into the perfidious mess and intrigue surrounding the novel. Simultaneously, Hugh's involvement with MI6 becomes increasingly intriguing as the entangled webs of deceit, betrayal and revenge reverberate from Kinshasa to Islamabad via Washington and back while NATO's espionage apparatus is exposed as being as incompetent as Philby proved it to be.

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